

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1-83. (Canceled)

84. (Currently amended) A method for allowing a user of an interactive media guide to access media provided by ~~a plurality of~~ media sources, the method comprising:

providing ~~one or more~~ media group options and media sub-group options associated with at least some of the media group options, wherein the media group options and at least some of the media sub-group options indicate media available to the user without indicating the content of the media, without indicating the title of the media, and without indicating the source of the media;

providing ~~a plurality of~~ media indicators in response to the user selecting a media group option one of the media sub-group options, wherein:

the media indicators are associated with the selected media ~~group~~ sub-group option, ~~wherein:~~

the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators identify media provided by at least one of the ~~plurality of~~ media sources, and

~~wherein the plurality of~~ media indicators include[[s]] a first media indicator for scheduled media and a second media indicator for unscheduled media, ~~and~~ wherein the unscheduled media includes media that is not provided at a scheduled time and

is available for viewing at a time selected by the user;
and

performing an action associated with a media indicator in response to the user selecting ~~[[a]]~~ the media indicator ~~from the plurality of media indicators~~.

85. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the action comprises providing media that is identified by the selected media indicator in response to the user selecting the media indicator.

86. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, further comprising indicating the number of presently available media that are associated with a media group option.

87. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the media group options are defined by the user.

88. (Previously presented) The method of claim 87, wherein the user-defined media group options comprise media indicators that meet user-defined criteria.

89. (Previously presented) The method of claim 88, wherein the user-defined criteria is a user-defined search.

90. (Currently amended) The method of claim 84, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ media group options comprise at least one of a recent favorites media group option, an old favorites media group option, a recommendations media group

option, a browsing media group option, a special interest media group option, a categories media group option, or a preview scan media group option.

91. (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising:

providing media indicators that are editorially recommended in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

92. (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising:

providing promotional media indicators in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

93. (Currently amended) The method of claim 90, wherein ~~the plurality of~~ media indicators are associated with the browsing media group option and are presented in response to the user selecting the browsing media group option, the method further comprising:

displaying in a video window video content corresponding to the selected media indicator associated with the browsing media group option in response to the user selecting [[a]] one of the media indicators associated with the browsing media group option.

94. (Previously presented) The method of claim 93, wherein the video content is currently available media content.

95. (Previously presented) The method of claim 93, wherein the video content is a video clip.

96. (Previously presented) The method of claim 93, wherein the video content is a video trailer.

97. (Currently amended) The method of claim 90, further comprising:

displaying ~~a plurality of~~ media sub-group options associated with the categories media group option in response to the user selecting the categories media group option; and

displaying the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators in response to the user selecting [[a]] one of the media sub-group options, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

98. (Currently amended) The method of claim 97, further comprising:

indicating the number of media indicators that are associated with each of the ~~plurality of~~ media sub-group options.

99. (Previously presented) The method of claim 97, wherein the media sub-group options comprise a sports sub-group option, a popular shows sub-group option, a premiers sub-group option, and a group sub-group option.

100. (Currently amended) The method of claim 90, further comprising:

displaying ~~the plurality of~~ media indicators in response to the user selecting the preview scan media

group option, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators are associated with the preview scan media group option; and displaying in a video window video content corresponding to a selected media indicator in response to the user selecting ~~[[a]]~~ one of the media indicators associated with the preview scan media group option.

101. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, wherein performing an action comprises obtaining media from a local file server, a remote file server, a pre-recorded videotape, a television station or an audio station.

102. (Canceled)

103. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~102~~ 84, wherein each media sub-group option indicates the number of available media indicators that are associated with each media sub-group option.

104. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~102~~ 84, wherein ~~the plurality of~~ at least some of the media sub-group options indicate presently available media by indicating the content, title, or source of the media.

105. (Canceled)

106. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~102~~ 84, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to user preferences.

107. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~102~~
84, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed
according to criteria defined by a remote service.

108. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~102~~
84, wherein the media sub-group options are created
dynamically.

109. (Currently amended) An interactive media
guide system for allowing a user to access media provided
by ~~a plurality of~~ media sources, the system comprising:

means for providing ~~one or more~~ media group
options and media sub-group options associated with at
least some of the media group options, wherein the media
group options and at least some of the media sub-group
options indicate media available to the user without
indicating the content of the media, without indicating the
title of the media, and without indicating the source of
the media;

means for providing ~~a plurality of~~ media
indicators in response to the user selecting ~~a media group
option~~ one of the media sub-group options, wherein:

the media indicators are associated
with the selected media ~~group~~ sub-group option, ~~wherein:~~

the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators
identify media provided by at least one of the ~~plurality of~~
media sources, and

~~wherein~~ the ~~plurality of~~ media
indicators include[[s]] a first media indicator for
scheduled media and a second media indicator for
unscheduled media, ~~and~~ wherein the unscheduled media
includes media that is not provided at a scheduled time and

is available for viewing at a time selected by the user;
and

means for performing an action associated with a media indicator in response to the user selecting ~~[[a]] the media indicator from the plurality of media indicators.~~

110. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, wherein the action comprises providing media that is identified by the selected media indicator in response to the user selecting the media indicator.

111. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, further comprising indicating the number of presently available media that are associated with a media group option.

112. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, wherein the media group options are defined by the user.

113. (Previously presented) The system of claim 112, wherein the user-defined media group options comprise media indicators that meet user-defined criteria.

114. (Previously presented) The system of claim 113, wherein the user-defined criteria is a user-defined search.

115. (Currently amended) The system of claim 109, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ media group options comprise at least one of a recent favorites media group option, an old

favorites media group option, a recommendations media group option, a browsing media group option, a special interest media group option, a categories media group option, or a preview scan media group option.

116. (Previously presented) The system of claim 115, further comprising:

means for providing media indicators that are editorially recommended in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

117. (Previously presented) The system of claim 115, further comprising:

means for providing promotional media indicators in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

118. (Currently amended) The system of claim 115, wherein ~~the plurality of~~ media indicators are associated with the browsing media group option and are presented in response to the user selecting the browsing media group option, the system further comprising:

means for displaying in a video window video content corresponding to the selected media indicator associated with the browsing media group option in response to the user selecting [[a]] one of the media indicators associated with the browsing media group option.

119. (Previously presented) The system of claim 118, wherein the video content is currently available media content.

120. (Previously presented) The system of claim 118, wherein the video content is a video clip.

121. (Previously presented) The system of claim 118, wherein the video content is a video trailer.

122. (Currently amended) The system of claim 115, further comprising:

means for displaying ~~a plurality of~~ media sub-group options associated with the categories media group option in response to the user selecting the categories media group option; and

means for displaying the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators in response to the user selecting [[a]] one of the media sub-group options, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

123. (Currently amended) The system of claim 122, further comprising:

means for indicating the number of media indicators that are associated with each of the ~~plurality of~~ media sub-group options.

124. (Previously presented) The system of claim 122, wherein the media sub-group options comprise a sports sub-group option, a popular shows sub-group option, a premiers sub-group option, and a group sub-group option.

125. (Currently amended) The system of claim 115, further comprising:

means for displaying ~~the plurality of~~ media indicators in response to the user selecting the preview

scan media group option, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators are associated with the preview scan media group option; and

means for displaying in a video window video content corresponding to a selected media indicator in response to the user selecting ~~[[a]]~~ one of the media indicators associated with the preview scan media group option.

126. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, wherein performing an action comprises obtaining media from a local file server, a remote file server, a pre-recorded videotape, a television station or an audio station.

127. (Canceled)

128. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~127~~ 109, wherein each media sub-group option indicates the number of available media indicators that are associated with each media sub-group option.

129. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~127~~ 109, wherein ~~the plurality of~~ at least some of the media sub-group options indicate presently available media by indicating the content, title, or source of the media.

130. (Canceled)

131. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~127~~ 109, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to user preferences.

132. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~127~~
109, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed
according to criteria defined by a remote service.

133. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~127~~
109, wherein the media sub-group options are created
dynamically.

134. (Currently amended) An interactive media
guide system for allowing a user to access media provided
by ~~a plurality of~~ media sources, the system comprising:

user equipment on which the interactive
media guide is at least partially implemented, wherein the
user equipment is configured to:

provide ~~one or more~~ media group options
and media sub-group options associated with at least some
of the media group options, wherein the media group options
and at least some of the media sub-group options indicate
media available to the user without indicating the content
of the media, without indicating the title of the media,
and without indicating the source of the media;

provide ~~a plurality of~~ media indicators
in response to the user selecting ~~a media group option~~ one
of the media sub-group options, wherein:

the media indicators are
associated with the selected media ~~group~~ sub-group option,
~~wherein the plurality of~~ media
indicators identify media provided by at least one of the
~~plurality of~~ media sources, and

~~wherein the plurality of~~ media
indicators include[[s]] a first media indicator for

scheduled media and a second media indicator for unscheduled media, ~~and~~ wherein the unscheduled media includes media that is not provided at a scheduled time and is available for viewing at a time selected by the user; and

perform an action associated with a media indicator in response to the user selecting [[a]] the media indicator ~~from the plurality of media indicators~~.

135. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein the action comprises providing media that is identified by the selected media indicator in response to the user selecting the media indicator.

136. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein the user equipment is further configured to indicate the number of presently available media that are associated with a media group option.

137. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein the media group options are defined by the user.

138. (Previously presented) The system of claim 137, wherein the user-defined media group options comprise media indicators that meet user-defined criteria.

139. (Previously presented) The system of claim 138, wherein the user-defined criteria is a user-defined search.

140. (Currently amended) The system of claim 134, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ media group options comprise at least one of a recent favorites media group option, an old favorites media group option, a recommendations media group option, a browsing media group option, a special interest media group option, a categories media group option, or a preview scan media group option.

141. (Previously presented) The system of claim 140, wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide media indicators that are editorially recommended in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

142. (Previously presented) The system of claim 140, wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide promotional media indicators in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

143. (Currently amended) The system of claim 140, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators are associated with the browsing media group option and are presented in response to the user selecting the browsing media group option, and wherein the user equipment is further configured display in a video window video content corresponding to the selected media indicator associated with the browsing media group option in response to the user selecting one of the media indicators associated with the browsing media group option.

144. (Previously presented) The system of claim 143, wherein the video content is currently available media content.

145. (Previously presented) The system of claim 143, wherein the video content is a video clip.

146. (Previously presented) The system of claim 143, wherein the video content is a video trailer.

147. (Currently amended) The system of claim 140, wherein the user equipment is further configured to display ~~a plurality of~~ media sub-group options associated with the categories media group option in response to the user selecting the categories media group option, and wherein the user equipment is further configured to display the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators in response to the user selecting [[a]] one of the media sub-group options, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

148. (Currently amended) The system of claim 147, wherein the user equipment is further configured to indicate the number of media indicators that are associated with each of the ~~plurality of~~ media sub-group options.

149. (Previously presented) The system of claim 147, wherein the media sub-group options comprise a sports sub-group option, a popular shows sub-group option, a premiers sub-group option, and a group sub-group option.

150. (Currently amended) The system of claim 140, wherein the user equipment is further configured to display ~~the plurality of~~ media indicators in response to the user selecting the preview scan media group option, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators are associated with the preview scan media group option, and wherein the user equipment is further configured to display in a video window video content corresponding to a selected media indicator in response to the user selecting ~~[[a]]~~ one of the media indicators associated with the preview scan media group option.

151. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein performing an action comprises obtaining media from a local file server, a remote file server, a pre-recorded videotape, a television station or an audio station.

152. (Canceled)

153. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~152~~ 134, wherein each media sub-group option indicates the number of available media indicators that are associated with each media sub-group option.

154. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~152~~ 134, wherein ~~the plurality of~~ at least some of the media sub-group options indicate presently available media by indicating the content, title, or source of the media.

155. (Canceled)

156. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~152~~
134, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed
according to user preferences.

157. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~152~~
134, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed
according to criteria defined by a remote service.

158. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~152~~
134, wherein the media sub-group options are created
dynamically.

159. (Currently amended) A computer readable
medium for allowing a user of an interactive media guide to
access media provided by ~~a plurality of~~ media sources,
having machine program logic recorded thereon for:

providing ~~one or more~~ media group options
and media sub-group options associated with at least some
of the media group options, wherein the media group options
and at least some of the media sub-group options indicate
media available to the user without indicating the content
of the media, without indicating the title of the media,
and without indicating the source of the media;

providing ~~a plurality of~~ media indicators in
response to the user selecting ~~a media group option~~ one of
the media sub-group options, wherein:

the media indicators are associated
with the selected media ~~group~~ sub-group option,

~~wherein the plurality of~~ media
indicators identify media provided by at least one of the
~~plurality of~~ media sources, and

~~wherein the plurality of~~ media indicators include[[s]] a first media indicator for scheduled media and a second media indicator for unscheduled media, ~~and~~ wherein the unscheduled media includes media that is not provided at a scheduled time and is available for viewing at a time selected by the user; and

performing an action associated with a media indicator in response to the user selecting [[a]] the media indicator ~~from the plurality of media indicators~~.

160. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, wherein the action comprises providing media that is identified by the selected media indicator in response to the user selecting the media indicator.

161. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

indicating the number of presently available media that are associated with a media group option.

162. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, wherein the media group options are defined by the user.

163. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 162, wherein the user-defined media group options comprise media indicators that meet user-defined criteria.

164. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 163, wherein the user-defined criteria is a user-defined search.

165. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 159, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ media group options comprise at least one of a recent favorites media group option, an old favorites media group option, a recommendations media group option, a browsing media group option, a special interest media group option, a categories media group option, or a preview scan media group option.

166. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 165, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

providing media indicators that are editorially recommended in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

167. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 165, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

providing promotional media indicators in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

168. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 165, wherein ~~the plurality of~~ media indicators are associated with the browsing media group option and are presented in response to the user selecting the browsing media group option, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

displaying in a video window video content corresponding to the selected media indicator associated with the browsing media group option in response to the user selecting [[a]] one of the media indicators associated with the browsing media group option.

169. (Previously presented) The method of claim 168, wherein the video content is currently available media content.

170. (Previously presented) The method of claim 168, wherein the video content is a video clip.

171. (Previously presented) The method of claim 168, wherein the video content is a video trailer.

172. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 165, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

displaying ~~a plurality of~~ media sub-group options associated with the categories media group option in response to the user selecting the categories media group option; and

displaying the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators in response to the user selecting [[a]] one of the media sub-group options, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

173. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 172, further comprising indicating the number of media indicators that are associated with each of the ~~plurality of~~ media sub-group options.

174. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 172, wherein the media sub-group options comprise a sports sub-group option, a popular shows sub-group option, a premiers sub-group option, and a group sub-group option.

175. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 165, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

displaying ~~the plurality of~~ media indicators in response to the user selecting the preview scan media group option, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ media indicators are associated with the preview scan media group option; and

displaying in a video window video content corresponding to a selected media indicator in response to the user selecting [[a]] one of the media indicators associated with the preview scan media group option.

176. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, wherein performing an action comprises obtaining media from a local file server, a remote file server, a pre-recorded videotape, a television station or an audio station.

177. (Canceled)

178. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim ~~177~~ 159, wherein each media sub-group option indicates the number of available media indicators that are associated with each media sub-group option.

179. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim ~~177~~ 159, wherein ~~the plurality of~~ at least some of the media sub-group options indicate presently available media by indicating the content, title, or source of the media.

180. (Canceled)

181. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim ~~177~~ 159, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to user preferences.

182. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim ~~177~~ 159, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to criteria defined by a remote service.

183. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim ~~177~~ 159, wherein the media sub-group options are created dynamically.